

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:19
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AUTONOMY OF TRIBALS
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering to evolve a new policy and strategy to deal with the demand for autonomy by the tribals and ethnic groups in Assam and other parts of the North East;
- (b) if so, the steps so far taken in that direction; and
- (c) the outcome of such steps and the details of the new policy evolved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(c): There have been demands from various tribal groups/ethnic groups in the North East for grant of autonomy. These demands are considered as per existing provisions of the Constitution of India.